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For : ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION DEVICE,  
ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION KIT AND  
ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION METHOD**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on November 14, 2007 and October 22, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Final Notice of Rejection dated February 12, 2008 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2003-561692, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 11-506636 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member WO 96/39079;
- (2) JP 9-173926 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same;

- (3) JP 2001-340412 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) JP 2001-087035 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (5) JP 11-313833 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member US 5,485,839; and
- (6) WO 01/58337.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Final Notice of Rejection.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Final Notice of Rejection, including an English language translation thereof, is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

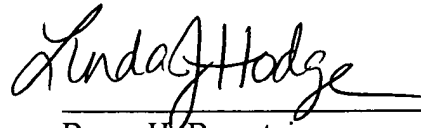
Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart

foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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